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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Smith:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006 (Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment), currently due June 19, 2006, please enter the following amendments (which include a complete listing of the text of all withdrawn claims) and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 17 of this paper.